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Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin was appointed Deputy Under Secretary for Health for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) of the Department of Veterans Affairs on October 6, 2002.

With an annual budget of more than \$25 billion, VHA is the nation's largest integrated health care system, employing more than 180,000 health care professionals and operating more than 1,300 sites of care, including hospitals, community and facility-based clinics, nursing homes, domiciliaries, readjustment counseling centers, and various other facilities. In addition to its medical care mission, the veterans health care system is the nation's largest provider of graduate medical education and a major contributor to medical and scientific research.

From 1999 to 2002, Dr. Perlin served as VHA's Chief Quality and Performance Officer. In this capacity, he was responsible for supporting quality improvement and performance management. VA is one of two agencies recognized in each of the past two years by Congress for "managing for results." VHA's Quality and Performance program has been specifically recognized by the Innovations in American Government and the RIT-USA Today Quality Cup Programs.

Dr. Perlin's background includes health care quality management, medical education, health services research, and medical informatics. Prior to joining VHA, Dr. Perlin served as Medical Director, Quality Improvement at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals – Virginia Commonwealth University Health System. During that time, he also co-directed the Health Services Research Fellowship, served as Associate Director of the Residency Training Program in Internal Medicine, and directed Continuing Internal Medicine Education. Dr. Perlin is broadly published, maintains an academic appointment as Associate Professor of Medicine and Health Administration at Virginia Commonwealth University, and continues to see patients at the Washington D.C., VA Medical Center.

Dr. Perlin held previous appointments at the Richmond VA Medical Center, where he led in the development and implementation of the "Firm (group practice) System" and served as a "Firm" director. He was the first chief of the Telemedicine Section and developed an interstate network for providing clinical consultation as well as distributed education and administration.

Dr. Perlin is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and has a Masters of Science in Health Administration. He received his Ph.D. in pharmacology with his M.D. as part of the Medical Scientist Training Program at Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia Campus.



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